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APPENDIX F: RANKING OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING PROJECTS<sup>1</sup>

Project Number	Project Title	Critical Question	Scientific Uncertainty	Geographic Application	Collaboration & Feasibility	Overall Ranking
Example: EMC-15-001						

Ranking Method for Monitoring Projects

Critical Question ~~Ranking~~:

Proposed monitoring project addresses one or more EMC critical monitoring questions with appropriate study design and experimental methods.

Scientific Uncertainty:

Current scientific understanding is not well-studied or validated. This ranking is weighed twice (2 times) the weight of other rankings.

Geographic Application:

Critical question and proposed project has broad geographic ~~scope~~ application.

Collaboration & Feasibility ~~Ranking~~:

Number of active contributing collaborators relative to the monitoring subject. Consider the magnitude and expertise of the collaborators. Feasibility of monitoring project to meet stated goals and objectives within expected budget and timelines needed by the EMC, Board or stakeholders.

On a categorical scale of 1 to 5, reviewers should refer to the following guidance when reviewing any category:

1 = Does not meet any portion of the Ranking

2 = Does not meet key portions of the Ranking

3 = May meet some portions of the Ranking, either key or ancillary

4 = Meets key portions of the Ranking and does not address ancillary portions

5 = Meets all portions of the Ranking

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<sup>1</sup> Additional guidance for ranking criteria follows on the next page.

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## Supplemental Information for using Appendix F

### Project Ranking Process

EMC projects will be evaluated bi-annually in April and October. Proposals received by 5 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed in April and proposals received by 5 pm on September 15<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed in October. Ranking results will be posted on the EMC web site and project proponents will be notified of the results. All monitoring project proposals and the ranking results will be made publicly available on the EMC web site.

### Project Ranking

EMC members will rank each Project and then evaluate the average of the Project ranking total scores will be evaluated by EMC members and used to determine which studies the EMC supports, and if funding is required, whether to help fund the project. No absolute ranking score total value is required for support and funding; rather individual project scores will be considered relative to other scores.

### Category Summaries

#### Critical Question Ranking

Projects that address multiple EMC critical themes (out of the ten possible) and multiple critical questions within a given theme will be ranked higher than those that only address a single theme and critical question. Additionally, projects must describe appropriate study design and methods to adequately address the proposed critical question(s).

#### Scientific Uncertainty

Projects will be ranked higher when our current scientific understanding as related to requirements in the California Forest Practice Rules and other natural resource protection statutes and laws, codes and regulations is inadequate. The goal is promote projects that identify large gaps in knowledge with the impact of forest practices on the California environment. Projects should propose to investigate regulations related to maintaining or enhancing water quality, aquatic habitat, and wildlife habitats.

#### Geographic Application

Proposed projects that have broad application throughout California forestlands will be ranked higher than those with application limited to a specific geomorphic region or sub-region. Projects need not be physically located throughout California to produce findings that apply to multiple areas in the state.

#### Collaboration & Feasibility Ranking

Projects will receive higher ranking when they have a broad array of collaborative partners involved in the proposed study. This could include collaborative ties with state and federal agencies, universities, private industry, NGOs, watershed groups, etc. Past performance in delivering acceptable monitoring reports within available budgets in a timely manner will be considered.

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